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## Provo could benefit from wind power

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### Provo power could benefit from windmill power plant

According to a recent article in the Daily Herald it was suggested that a wind farm in Spanish Fork Canyon would lower property values.

A study of 25,000 homes within view of commercial wind farms showed that property values rose before and after the turbines were installed. It may be that other factors played a role in the rise in value of the properties, but there was no evidence that property values declined.

I get a thrill when I see a wind farm. Wind power has become more feasible as technology has improved and natural gas prices go up. Wind power has ameliorated gas cost increases. Wind power would make us less dependent on other energy sources and is nonpolluting. We are in a natural gas shortage and it is likely prices will continue to rise.

In the 40 years I have lived in Provo it seems to me that Provo City Power has done a good job in giving us economical electric power. Perhaps it would be prudent now for Provo to investigate wind as a supplementary energy source.

If Spanish Fork Canyon is suitable I hope Provo might buy land and install its own wind farm right here in Utah County. Just a few turbines could be put in to start and more added if they seem an efficient and reasonably economical energy source.

Does anyone think we will need less electric power in the future?

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